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EXAMINER: Unassigned

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR \$1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, be made during the course of examination of the above-mentioned application for U.S. patent. No fee is due for submission of this statement. If any fees are due and owing in view of this communication, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0595. A duplicate of this sheet is included for this purpose.

I. SUBMITTED REFERENCES

A. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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II. REMARKS

Copies of the above references with form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims in the application are patentably distinguishable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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